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11. (SBU) Polcouns met May 24 with MFA Director of International Organizations and UN Affairs Nasser Bourita to discuss reftel demarche request on the UN declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples. There is no Embassy of New Zealand or Australia in Morocco. Polcouns left behind non-papers with Bourita. Bourita had no substantive comment, and per reftel, post will follow up with Bourita once the MFA has had the opportunity to review the material.

12. (SBU) Comment: The GOM will review the draft declaration with the Western Sahara in mind. It will scrutinize the draft text for any impact it might have on Morocco's claim to the disputed territory and on the rights of the people who live there.

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